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13th March, 1981

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP,  
10, Downing Street,  
LONDON

Dear Prime Minister,

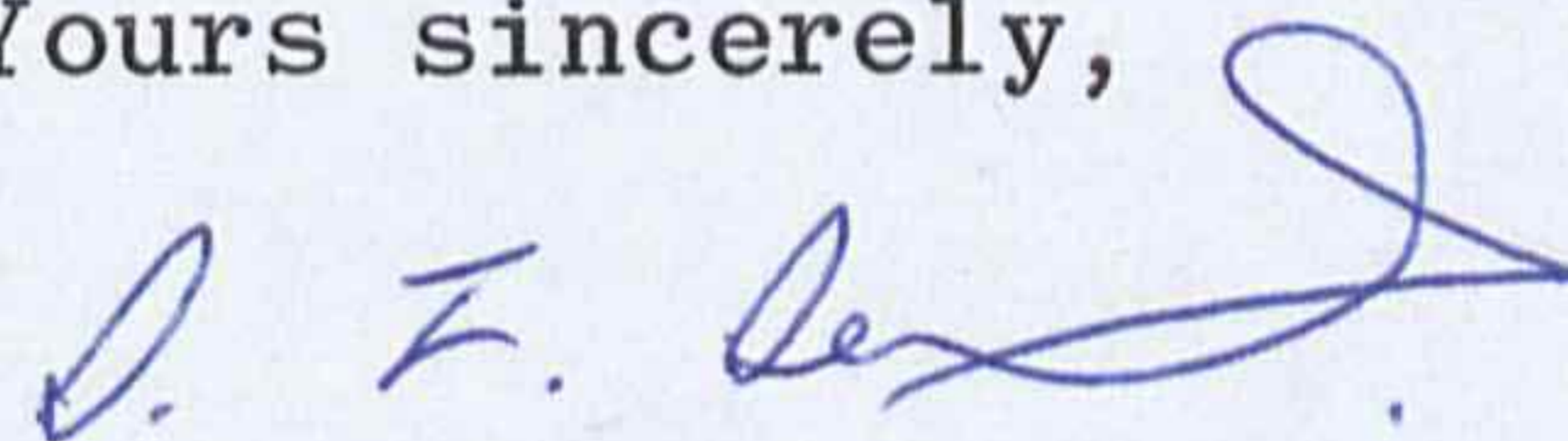
It was a real pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting you last week at the Secretary of State's dinner in Belfast and to hear your words of encouragement for the Province. Your obvious realism and courage in face of the country's economic difficulties is a great inspiration to us all. It will be for us, in industry, to respond with speed and determination to become more efficient by producing better quality products.

Although we face considerable problems at the moment it will be worthwhile if the nation achieves greater prosperity in an increasingly competitive world environment.

It was a great honour to have Desmonds mentioned in your speech. Our employees share a sense of pride in the success of the company and appreciate when public recognition of this fact is recognised by others.

On a more personal note, having listened to your comments about your husband's pyjamas, I thought he might like to try a few pairs of our more recent production which have been made to a new pattern developed in conjunction with Marks & Spencer. I trust he will find them a satisfactory fit and if there are any problems he might like to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,



D.F. Desmond.